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Case No. 3:14-cv-07770-PGS-LHG

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

KARS 4 KIDS INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMERICA CAN!,

Defendant.

AMERICA CAN! Cars for Kids,

Plaintiff,

v.

KARS 4 KIDS INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:16-cv-04232-PGS-LHG

AMERICA CAN! CARS FOR KIDS' PROPOSED VERDICT FORM

America Can! Cars for Kids requests that the Court present the following

Verdict Form to the jury:

By submitting this proposed jury verdict form, America Can! Cars for Kids

does not concede that Kars 4 Kids' claims, or any issues relating to those claims, can

or should be submitted to the jury. America Can! Cars for Kids' proposed jury

verdict form is made without waiving its motions, its objections to Kars 4 Kids'

claims or the evidence admitted, or lack thereof, through the end of trial.

PROPOSED VERDICT FORM

We, the jury, return the following verdict:

America Can! Cars for Kids' Trademark Infringement Claim

1. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that America Can! Cars

for Kids owns a trademark in CARS FOR KIDS that it used in commerce prior to

the date of first use of KARS 4 KIDS and 1-877-KARS-4-KIDS marks in one or

more of the geographic areas in dispute?

Answer "YES" or "NO".

Answer: _____

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2. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that one or more of the geographic areas in which Kars 4 Kids, Inc. uses its mark(s) lies within America Can! Cars for Kids' zone of natural expansion.

Answer '	'YES"	or	"NO"
Answer:			

Proceed to Question No. 3.

3. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that America Can! Cars for Kids built an identifiable public image in the activities it conducted in one or more geographic areas so that its image of car donation and auction activities traveled to other areas through advertising or word of mouth?

Answer '	'YES"	or "NO	".
Answer:			

Proceed to Question No. 4.

4. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that America Can! Cars for Kids' trademark CARS FOR KIDS was distinctive prior to the date of first use by Kars 4 Kids, Inc. of KARS 4 KIDS and/or 1-877-KARS-4-KIDS, either because America Can! Cars for Kids' trademark was inherently distinctive or because it had acquired distinctiveness?

Answer "	YES"	or	"NO	,,
Answer:				

If your answer is "Yes," then go to Question No. 5. If your answer is "No," go on to Question No. 9.

Infringement

Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that Kars 4 Kids, Inc. 5. uses KARS 4 KIDS and/or 1-877-KARS-4-KIDS in commerce in connection with the sale, offering for sale, distribution, or advertising of goods or services? Answer "YES" or "NO". Answer: _____ **Proceed to Question 6.** Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that Kars 4 Kids, Inc. 6. used marks in commerce in connection with the sale, offering for sale, distribution, or advertising of goods or services? Answer "YES" or "NO" as to each Mark. Yes ____ KARS 4 KIDS No____ Yes ____ 1-877-KARS-4-KIDS No____ Write Off The Car, Not The Kid Yes ____ No____ **Proceed to Question 7.**

7. Do you find by a prepo	nderance of the	he evidence that Kars 4 Kids Inc.'s
use of the marks KARS 4 KIDS an	nd/or 1-877-K	ARS-4-KIDS," and/or "Write Off
The Car, Not The Kid" causes a like	lihood of con	fusion with America Can! Cars for
Kids' Marks?		
Answer "YES" or "NO" as to each	Morle	
Allswei 1ES of NO as to each	Mark.	
KARS 4 KIDS	Yes	No
1-877-KARS-4-KIDS	Yes	No
Write Off The Car, Not The Kid	Yes	No
Proceed to Question 8.		
8. Do you find by a prepor	nderance of th	ne evidence that Kars 4 Kids, Inc.'s
use of other marks causes a likeliho	od of confusi	on?
Answer "YES" or "NO".		
Answer:		
Proceed to Question 9.		
UNFA	IR COMPETIT	ΓΙΟΝ
9. Do you find that Ar	nerica Can!	Cars for Kids has shown by a
preponderance of the evidence	that Kars 4	Kids, Inc. engaged in "unfair
competition" with America Can! (Cars for Kids	s as that term is used in the jury
instructions.		
Answer "YES" or "NO".		
Answer:		

Proceed to Question 10.

Proceed to Next Question.

DILUTION

10. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that Kars 4 Kids' use
of the mark(s) in commerce has caused a dilution, as that term is used in the jury
instructions, of or more of America Can! Cars for Kids' Marks?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
Proceed to Question 11.
FALSE OR FRAUDULENT REGISTRATION
11. Has America Can! Cars for Kids' proved by clear and convincing
evidence that Kars 4 Kids, Inc. committed fraud or inequitable conduct on the United
States Patent and Trademark Office?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:

REMEDIES

If you answered "Yes" to Question Nos. 7 or 8, answer Question No. 12. If you answered "No" to Question Nos. 7 or 8, do not answer Question No. 12, and proceed to Question 13.

Damages for Trademark Infringement

12. What sum of money, if paid now in cash, would fairly and reasonably compensate America Can! Cars for Kids for the damages that resulted from Kars 4 Kids' conduct?

Answer in dollars and cents. Do not include any amount for interest.

A.	Profits of Kars 4 Kids, Inc. from its use of the Marks.
	\$
B.	Actual damages resulting Kars 4 Kids, Inc.'s use of the Marks.
	\$

Proceed to Question 13.

If you answered YES to Question 9, answer Question No. 13. If you answered "No" to Question No. 9, do not answer Question No. 13, and proceed to Question 14.

Damages for Unfair Competition

13. What sum of money, if paid now in cash, would fairly and reasonably compensate America Can! Cars for Kids for the damages that resulted from Kars 4 Kids' Unfair Competition?

Answer separately in dollars and cents for damages, if any.

a. Damages sustained in the past.

Damages: \$______

b. Damages that, in reasonable probability, will be sustained in the future.

Damages: \$_____

If you answered YES to Question 10, answer Question No. 14. If you answered "No" to Question No. 10, do not answer Question No. 14, and proceed to Question 15.

Damages for False or Fraudulent Registration

14. What sum of money, if paid now in cash, would fairly and reasonably compensate America Can! Cars for Kids for the damages that resulted from Kars 4 Kids' false or fraudulent registration with the United States Patent and Trademark Office?

Answer separately in dollars and cents for damages, if any.

a. Damages sustained in the past.

Damages: \$_____

b.	Damages that, in reason future.	nable probability	y, will be sustained in the
Damages:	\$		
	Exc	EPTIONAL CASE	
Ques	tion No. 15. If you answ AND 11, do not answer (vered "No" to ea Question No. 15	ch of Question Nos. 7, 8, and proceed to Question re that Kars 4 Kids' use of the
mark was m	nalicious, fraudulent, deli	iberate or willfu	1?
Answer "Y	ES" or "NO" as to each	Mark"	
Cars for Kio	ds	Yes	No
Write Off T	he Car, Not The Kid	Yes	No
Proceed to	Next Ouestion.		

EXEMPLARY DAMAGES

I If you answered "Yes" to Question Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11, answer Question No. 16. If you answered "No" to Question Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10 AND 11, do not answer Question No. 16 or 17, and proceed to Question 18.

16. Did America Can! Cars for Kids prove that the harm to it resulted from malice or fraud on the part of Kars 4 Kids, Inc.?

Answer "YES" or "NO".	
Answer:	

Proceed to Next Question.

If you answered "Yes" in Question No. 16, answer Question No. 17. If you answered "No", do not answer Question No. 17 and proceed to Question 18.

17. What sum of money, if any, if paid now in cash, should be assessed against Kars 4 Kids, Inc. and awarded to America Can! Cars for Kids as exemplary damages, if any, for the conduct found in answer to Question No. 16?

"Exemplary damages" means an amount that you may in your discretion award as a penalty or by way of punishment. Factors to consider in awarding exemplary damages, if any, are: (1) the nature of the wrong; (2) the character of the conduct involved; (3) the degree of culpability of Kars 4 Kids; (4) the situation and sensibilities of the parties concerned; (5) the extent to which such conduct offends a public sense of justice and propriety; and (6) the net worth of Kars 4 Kids.

Answer in d	lollars	and	cents,	if any
Damages:	\$			

Kars 4 Kids Inc.'s Affirmative Defenses

18. Has Kars 4 Kids proved preponderance of the evidence that America
Can! Cars for Kids' claims are barred because of laches?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
If you answered "Yes" in Question No. 18, answer Question No. 19.
19. In what amount, if any, do you find that America Can! Cars for Kids
damages should be reduced as a result of laches?
Write the amount in dollars and cents, if any, in the space provided below.
\$
20. Has Kars 4 Kids proved by a preponderance of the evidence that
America Can! Cars for Kids' claims are barred because of consent?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
If you answered "Yes" in Question No. 20, answer Question No. 21.

21. In what amount, if any, do you find that America Can! Cars for Kids'
damages should be reduced as a result of consent?
Write the amount in dollars and cents, if any, in the space provided below.
\$
Attorneys' Fees
22. Do you find that America Can! Cars for Kids' has shown by a
preponderance of the evidence that it incurred reasonable and necessary attorneys'
fees?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
If you answered "Yes" in Question No. 22, answer Question No. 23.
23. If you answered yes to the previous Question, enter the amount of the
reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees to award to America Can! Cars for Kids.'
Answer in dollars and cents for damages.
\$

Kars 4 Kids' Trademark Infringement Claim

24. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that Kars 4 Kids, Inc. owns a trademark in KARS 4 KIDS that it used in commerce prior to the date of first use by America Can! Cars for Kids' use of the CARS FOR KIDS mark in one or more of the geographic areas in dispute?

more of the geographic areas in dispute?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
If you answered "Yes" in Question No. 24, answer Question No. 25. If you answered "No," do not answer Question No. 25 and proceed to Question 26.
25. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that KARS 4 KIDS
was distinctive prior to the date of America Can! Cars for Kids' first use of the CARS
FOR KIDS mark?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:

Proceed to Question 26.

26. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that Kars 4 Kids owns a trademark in 1-877-KARS-4-KIDS that it used in commerce prior to the date of first use by America Can! Cars for Kids' use of the CARS FOR KIDS mark in one or more of the geographic areas in dispute?

Answer '	'YES"	or	"NO"	•
Answer:				

If you answered "Yes" in Question No. 26, answer Question No. 27. If you answered "No," do not answer Question No. 27 and proceed to Question 28.

27. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that 1-877-KARS-4-KIDS was distinctive prior to the date of America Can! Cars for Kids' first use of the CARS FOR KIDS mark?

Answer "YES" or "NO".

Answer:

If you answered "Yes" in Question No. 25 or 27, answer Question No. 28. If you answered "No" to Questions 25 and 27, do not answer Question No. 28 and proceed to Question 31.

Infringement

28. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that America Can! Cars
for Kids uses CARS FOR KIDS in commerce in connection with the sale, offering
for sale, distribution, or advertising of goods or services?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
Proceed to Question 29.
29. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that America Can! Cars
for Kids' use of the CARS FOR KIDS mark causes a likelihood of confusion with
KARS 4 KIDS?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
Proceed to Question 30.
30. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that America Can! Cars
for Kids' use of the CARS FOR KIDS mark causes a likelihood of confusion with
1-877-KARS-4-KIDS?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
Proceed to Question 31.

UNFAIR COMPETITION

31. Do you find that Kars 4 Kids, Inc. has shown by a preponderance of the
evidence that America Can! Cars for Kids engaged in "unfair competition" with Kars
4 Kids, Inc. as that term is used in the jury instructions?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
Proceed to Question 32.
DILUTION
32. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that America Can! Cars
for Kids' use of CARS FOR KIDS in commerce has caused a dilution, as that term
is used in the jury instructions, of the mark KARS 4 KIDS?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
Proceed to Question 33.
33. Do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that America Can! Cars
for Kids' use of CARS FOR KIDS in commerce has caused a dilution, as that term
is used in the jury instructions, of the mark 1-877-KARS-4-KIDS?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
Proceed to Question 34.

REMEDIES

If you answered "Yes" to Question Nos. 29, or 30 answer Question No. 34. If you answered "No" to Question Nos. 29 AND 30, do not answer Question No. 34, and proceed to Question 35.

34. What sum of money, if paid now in cash, would fairly and reasonably compensate Kars 4 Kids for the damages that resulted from America Can! Cars for Kids' conduct?

Answer in dollars and cents, if any. Do not include any amount for interest.

A.	Profits of America Can! Cars for Kids from its use of the Marks.
	\$
B.	Actual damages resulting from America Can! Cars for Kids' use of the CARS FOR KIDS mark.
	\$
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Proceed to Question 35.

If you answered YES to Questions No. 31 answer Question No. 35. If you answered "No" to Questions No. 31, do not answer Question No. 35, and proceed to Question 36.

35. What sum of money, if paid now in cash, would fairly and reasonably compensate Kars 4 Kids for the damages that resulted from America Can! Cars for Kids' Unfair Competition?

Answer separately in dollars and cents for damages, if any.

a. Damages sustained in the past.

Damages:	\$
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b.

Damages that, in reasonable probability, will be sustained in the

	future.
Damages:	\$
Proceed to Quest	ion 36.
you answere	ered YES to Questions No. 32 answer Question No. 36. If ed "No" to Questions No. 32, do not answer Question No. eeed to Question 37.
36. What	sum of money, if paid now in cash, would fairly and reasonably
compensate Kars 4	4 Kids for the damages that resulted from America Can! Cars for
Kids' use of the C	ARS FOR KIDS mark in dilution?
Answer sep	arately in dollars and cents for damages, if any.
a.	Damages sustained in the past.
Damages:	\$
b.	Damages that, in reasonable probability, will be sustained in the future.
Damages:	\$
Proceed to Quest	ion 37.

America Can! Cars for Kids' Affirmative Defenses

Has America Can! Cars for Kids' proved preponderance of the 37. evidence that Kars 4 Kids' claims are barred because of laches? Answer "YES" or "NO". Answer: If you answered "Yes" in Question No. 37, answer Question No. 38. If you answered "NO", proceed to Question 39. In what amount, if any, do you find that Kars 4 Kids' damages should 38. be reduced as a result of laches? Write the amount in dollars and cents, if any, in the space provided below. \$_____ 39. Has America Can! Cars for Kids' proved by clear and convincing evidence that Kars 4 Kids' claims are barred because of fraud or inequitable conduct on the United States Patent and Trademark Office? Answer "YES" or "NO". Answer: _____ If you answered "Yes" in Question No. 39, answer Question No. 40. If you answered "NO", proceed to Question No. 41.

40. In what amount, if any, do you find that Kars 4 Kids' damages should
be reduced as a result of fraud or inequitable conduct on the United States Patent
and Trademark Office?
Write the amount in dollars and cents, if any, in the space provided below.
\$
41. Has America Can! Cars for Kids' proved preponderance of the
evidence that Kars 4 Kids' claims are barred because of unclean hands?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
If you answered "Yes" in Question No. 41, answer Question No. 42. If you answered "NO", proceed to the next question.
42. In what amount, if any, do you find that Kars 4 Kids' damages should
be reduced as a result of unclean hands?
Write the amount in dollars and cents, if any, in the space provided below.
\$

43. Has America Can! Cars for Kids' proved preponderance of the

evidence that Kars 4 Kids' claims are barred because of estoppel?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
If you answered "Yes" in Question No. 43, answer Question No. 44. If you answered "NO", proceed to Question 45.
44. In what amount, if any, do you find that Kars 4 Kids' damages should
be reduced as a result of estoppel?
Write the amount in dollars and cents, if any, in the space provided below.
\$
45. Has America Can! Cars for Kids' proved by a preponderance of the
evidence that Kars 4 Kids' claims are barred because of consent or acquiescence?
Answer "YES" or "NO".
Answer:
If you answered "Yes" in Question No. 45, answer Question No. 46. If you answered "NO", proceed to the next question.

SIGN	AND	DAT	E THE	VERI	MCT:

day of	, 2019.
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Dated: April 18, 2019 Respectfully submitted,

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